

## 16-302. REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

## (A) ESTABLISHMENT.

(1) TWO OR MORE COUNTIES MAY AGREE TO ESTABLISH A REGION AND TO SUPPORT A REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

(2) SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE BOARD FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, AFTER THE COUNTIES AGREE, THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES MAY AUTHORIZE A REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE REGION.

## (B) "BOARD OF TRUSTEES" DEFINED — COMPOSITION.

(1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "COUNTY BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES" MEANS:

(I) THE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES, IF ANY; OR

(II) THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ANY COUNTY THAT DOES NOT HAVE A BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES.

(2) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES FOR EACH COUNTY IN A REGION CONSTITUTE THE BOARD OF REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES.

(3) IF THE COUNTIES IN A REGION HAVE DIFFERENT NUMBERS OF MEMBERS ON THEIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES, EACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES SHALL ELECT TO SERVE AS REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES, THE NUMBER OF ITS MEMBERS EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE SMALLEST BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES IN THE REGION.

(4) A BOARD OF REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES:

(I) MAY NOT HAVE MORE THAN 12 MEMBERS; AND

(II) SHALL HAVE AN EQUAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS FROM EACH COUNTY IN THE REGION.

(5) IF REQUESTED TO DO SO BY A COUNTY GOVERNMENT, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES FROM THAT COUNTY.

(6) THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF EACH COUNTY IN THE REGION IS, EX OFFICIO, A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES, AND SHALL ATTEND MEETINGS BUT MAY NOT VOTE.

(7) EACH BOARD OF REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES SHALL:

(I) ELECT ONE OF ITS MEMBERS AS ITS CHAIRMAN;